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# **Proposed Navy Mitigation Project**

USS CAMDEN

March 27, 2000 Oil Spill

Presented to:

Washington State  
Department of Ecology  
Resource Damage Assessment  
Committee

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## **Participation in the 'Water for Life' Program**

### **1) Background:**

The *Water for Life* program was established in 1990 in response to concern regarding the ecological imbalance of Dyes Inlet. Over the years, pollution and development in the nearshore area had taken its toll. The *Water for Life* program was established with two goals in mind: (1) educate the community's children to broaden their understanding help them become ecologically responsible adults and (2) to provide the manpower necessary to cleanup, restore, and preserve Dyes Inlet.

Originally, the program involved just volunteers from the Central Kitsap School District and Navy/Marine Corps commands on the Kitsap peninsula. Today the program has expanded to include the Dave Linder Education Foundation, the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses. This annual program is the winner of a national environmental award and a Washington State Governor's award for volunteer partnerships.

To highlight the annual Earth Day celebration the year 2000 *Water for Life* event is scheduled for May 12, 2000. This year up to 30 classes of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be involved in a classroom demonstration and supervised beach cleanup at various locations around Dyes Inlet.

### **2) Brief Description of Project:**

USS CAMDEN will provide at least 5 crewmembers to support the year 2000 *Water for Life* program. Crew members will be assigned roles by the program coordinators which may include any of the following tasks: volunteer training, conduct classroom demonstration, supervision of children, beach cleanup, collection of refuse, coordination of buses/children at beach cleanup meeting place (Silverdale Waterfront Park), set up/cleanup of refreshment area, etc.

### **3) Goals and Objectives of Project:**

The goals of this project are: (1) to involve the crew of the USS CAMDEN in a community project that promotes both environmental education and environmental action and (2) to provide very much needed manpower for this worthwhile project. In order to handle up to 900 school children, the *Water for Life* program is always in desperate need of adult supervision. While only 5 crew members will be required to

support the program, we anticipate that 4 or 5 times that many crew members will actually volunteer.

An After Action report will be promptly submitted to the Resource Damage Assessment Committee detailing the participation of the USS CAMDEN and describing outcome of this year's event.

**4) Timeframe / Duration of Project?**

All beach cleanup will occur on 12 May (this is a "rain or shine" event). Classroom demonstrations typically occur the prior week, depending on the schedules of the participating elementary schools.

**5) Estimated Cost of Project:**

Costs include labor, transportation, and incidentals. All costs will be borne by the Navy.